



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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Hiroshi SOHMA et al.

Art Unit: 1745

Application No.: 10/714,394

Examiner: Laura S. Weiner

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For: ELECTRODE STRUCTURE FOR POLYMER ELECTROLYTE FUEL CELLS, AND
POLYMER ELECTROLYTE FUEL CELL USING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: December 21, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 21, 2006, Applicants hereby provisionally elect the species wherein:

A is -CO-;

W is -CO-;

T is -C(CF₃)₂-;

R₁-R₈ are all H (hydrogen atom);

L is 1; and

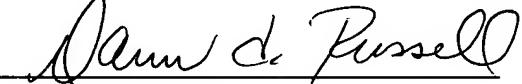
the benzene ring of general formal (1) is benzene ring, not a derivative thereof.

This election is made **without traverse**. Currently, claims 1-7 read on the elected species, and claims 1-2, 4-7 are believed to be generic. Consideration and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully request that, upon an indication that any of the generic claims are allowable, the Examiner consider claims directed to additional species that depend from any allowable generic claim(s). Applicants reserve the right to claim additional species in the event that a generic claim is found to be allowable.

It is believed that no extensions of time are required for consideration of this Response. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing docket number **101175-00037**.

Respectfully submitted,



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